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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ON SOARES VISIT TO OSLO -- THE
"CONSORTIUM LOAN" AND "PROMISED" F-5'S.

1. SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE MEDIA REPORTED MARCH 30 THAT NORWAY HAS
AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM
LOAN TO PORTUGAL AND THAT NORWAY ALSO PLANS TO SUPPLY
PORTUGAL WITH F-5 AIRCRAFT. PRIME MINISTER MARIO
SOARES GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S
HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AND TO PORTUGUESE NATO ROLE WHILE IN OSLO,
ACCORDING TO MEDIA. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSORTIUM LOAN: MEDIA SAID NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER
PER KLEPPE CONFIRMED TO PORTUGUESE JOURNALISTS MARCH
29 THAT HIS NATION WOULD TAKE PART IN THE CONSORTIUM.
PRO-GOVERNMENT "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" CORRESPONDENT
SIMOES ILHARCO SAID KLEPPE MENTIONED LIMITING NORWAY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE LOAN "TO LESS THAN THE SHARE OF
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OTHER MORE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS." THE REPORT WAS
PLAYED ON PAGE ONE OF LEADING NEWSPAPERS.

3. F-5 REPORT. MOST PAPERS ALSO PUBLISHED A FRANCE PRESSE
REPORT WHICH SAID NORWAY WAS PLANNING TO GIVE PORTUGAL
100 *-5 AIRCRAFT FOR A "NOMINAL PAYMENT" IN THE CONTEXT
OF NORWAY'S BUYING NEW F-16'S. CURIOUSLY, OPORTO'S

CENTER-LEFT "PRIMEIRO DE JANEIRO", WHOSE REPORT WAS MORE COMPLETE THAN MOST, CITED STATEMENTS BY "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN STOCKHOLM" AS BASIS FOR THIS STORY.

4. FRG CONSORTIUM ROLE: CENTER-RIGHT "O DIA" IN REPORT ON NORWAY'S PARTICIPATION, CARRIED THIS INFORMATION: "...AS PORTUGUESE STATE RADIO REPORTED SEVERAL DAYS AGO THROUGH ITS CORRESPONDENT IN COLOGNE, WEST GERMANY MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSORTIUM ALTHOUGH IT COULD GIVE DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR COUNTRY. THIS IS BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAVE NOT YET SATISFIED OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED REGARDING GERMAN CITIZENS DISPOSSESSED OF PROPERTIES IN PORTUGAL."

5. HUMAN RIGHTS: ILHARCO'S "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" ARTICLE SAID: "ASKED BY JOURNALISTS IF HE SUPPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN-RIGHTS POLICY, WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY BREZHNEV, THE PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT HE PERSONALLY AND ALSO THE MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME FIGHTING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THUS, HE ASSUREDLY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT TO JIMMY CARTER'S POLICY."

6. NATO: RADIO REPORTS AND OTHERS INCLUDED THIS STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER SOARES IN HIS MARCH 29 OSLO PRESS CONFERENCE: "OUR NATO BRIGADE IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF BEING SET UP. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN NATO AND THAT FOR AS LONG AS THERE IS A WARSAW UNCLASSIFIED

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PACT THERE MUST BE A NATO TO PLAY A DISSUASIVE ROLE AGAINST ANY EVENTUAL VENTURESOME DESIGNS. SUCH IS OUR STANCE. IN PRINCIPLE WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF MILITARY BLOCS, BUT OF COURSE WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ONE OF THE SIDES DISARMED AND THE OTHER REMAINING ARMED..."
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